AMENDMENTS

In the Drawings:

Please amend the drawings in accordance with the attached Amendment of Drawings.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

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1. (Amended) A driving apparatus, comprising:

a base frame;

an electro-mechanical transducer one end of which is fixed to the base frame; at least one vibrating member formed substantially of the electro-mechanical

a moving member frictionally coupled with the electro-mechanical transducer;

and

transducer;

a driver to drive the electro-mechanical transducer,

wherein the driver applies a voltage such that the speed of extension of the electro-mechanical transducer between the ends thereof differs from the speed of contraction.

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14. (Amended) A driving apparatus, comprising:

a base frame;

an electro-mechanical transducer one end of which is fixed to the base frame, the electro-mechanical transducer has a disk configuration and a contact part;

at least one vibrating member formed substantially of the electro-mechanical transducer;

a moving member frictionally contacted with a contact part of the electromechanical transducer, the moving member driven to rotate by applying a voltage; and a driver to drive the electro-mechanical transducer, wherein the driver applies the voltage such that a speed of extension of the electro-mechanical transducer between the ends thereof differs from the speed of contraction.

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20. (Amended) The driving apparatus, comprising:

a base frame;

an electro-mechanical transducer one end of which is fixed to the base frame, the electro-mechanical transducer has a thin plate configuration and a contact part;

at least one vibrating member formed substantially of the electro-mechanical transducer;

a moving member frictionally contacted with the contact part of the electromechanical transducer; and

a driver to drive the electro-mechanical transducer,

wherein the driver applies a voltage such that a speed of extension of the electromechanical transducer between the ends thereof differs from the speed of contraction.

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24. (Amended) A method of driving an electro-mechanical transducer having two sections covered by two active electrodes, and at least one vibrating member formed substantially of the electro-mechanical transducer, comprising:

applying a voltage such that a first section of the electro-mechanical transducer extends at a high speed while a second section of the electro-mechanical transducer contracts slowly; and

applying the voltage such that the first section of the electro-mechanical transducer contracts slowly while the second section of the electro-mechanical transducer extends at a high speed.